

public agencies could be detrimental to their property so they are entitled to be notified of the fact that a public agency is acquiring this land for public use. So all the amendment will do, is to state that any public agency whether or not it has the power of eminent domain will be required to give public notice and allow for a hearing before property can be acquired. This is the amendment then and I ask that you adopt it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Snyder we are speaking now about the Cavanaugh amendment to LB653.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, members of the legislature I would like to ask Senator Chambers a question if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR SNYDER: I want to be sure that I understand this. I want to make it even more simply than this. If we don't adopt the amendment, and if we were to kill the bill, we would not really have affected what the amendment is going to do. The amendment is going to require a public hearing under all circumstances, right?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR SNYDER: So it would be easier to do that than to pass a bill that would just kill the bill?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we kill the bill we will have the situation where it is right now, in some situations you do not have to...

SENATOR SNYDER: Well actually we are strengthening what you and I wanted to do without the amendment then go ahead and put the bill through.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, that is the only way to do it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, then Senator Goodrich. Speaking on the Cavanaugh amendment.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, basically I support this amendment but I would like to ask Senator Goodrich if he would yield to a question?

SENATOR GOODRICH: YES.

SENATOR STAHMER: What objection if any would you have to this amendment, not necessarily that I would change my viewpoint but since it is your bill, I want to know what you think?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I have no objection to the amendment at all. What the amendment will do is to let them at least talk to the people that they are going to acquire or the people want to be acquired but before they consummate anything they will go through the notice and hearing procedure. I have no objection to this whatsoever.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.